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Sent: Fri 8/26/2016 11:06:08 PM
Subject: RE: Panda International Trading facility clean-up
Re: Fruitland Magnesium Fire Removal Federal / State Agency Coordination Meeting August 12

From my understanding, the funds that CalRecycle might be able to tap, are tapped.

The LEA indicated that since it wasn't a regulated waste facility that they have no skin in the game.

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I think we'll hear more and more about timing of the cleanup. Michelle and Jason both say the LEA has not requested CalEPA CalRecycle. Any news?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2016, at 2:49 PM, Charlene Contreras <chcontreras@ph.lacounty.gov> wrote:

Hi Michelle and Bill,

I appreciate the update on the progress to clean the site, however, DPH is concerned with the length of time it is taking to initiate cleanup of the facility site. As residents continue to call our office and the offices of elected and delegated officials, we need to be able to provide a timeline or scheduled cleanup date.

As a reminder, the facility site is located in a community whose health is already impacted by the lead and arsenic contamination released from the Exide battery plant in Vernon. The additional burden caused by the odors does impact their health and well-being. Because the stabilizer is not meant to control odor (which is the source of complaints), I urge Health Hazmat, USEPA and the other State agencies to work together to quickly cleanup the facility site.

Best regards,

Charlene Contreras, REHS

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Subject: Re: Panda International Trading facility clean-up

Charlene,

Thank you for conveying concerns regarding the increase in complaints from residents. We have not been receiving these complaints, and would appreciate any more details you may have. Has DPH staff been following up with these departments to get more details regarding the resident complaints and talk to them directly to address any questions and document concerns? Our community involvement coordinators are available to contact residents so that we can understand their concerns and the factors that may be leading to the increased odors or issues from the facility property. Also, as I mentioned, someone from our congressional affairs office can be available to coordinate with Congressional officials regarding this site.

Regarding the soil stabilizer, I do not know where you got the understanding that the soil stabilizer would only be good for 2-3 weeks. Soil stabilizer is to provide dust and particulate control. It is weather resistant and while it is not a permanent measure, it can last for a year or more, depending on the conditions and care. However, while the soil stabilizer is designed to control and contain ash, dust and debris at the facility, as we have discussed, it is not designed to mitigate or minimize odors. While some odor control is likely provided by the stabilization measures taken at the facility, total odor control is not possible.

As you are aware, CalEPA hosted a meeting between the state agencies and EPA on August 12, 2016 and requested follow up information from each of the agencies to be submitted by August 22, 2016. We are still awaiting responses from some of the agencies. However, one important item was raised at the meeting by CalRecycle, was that they needed LEA involvement and for a notice to be given to the facility regarding the solid waste that is located there, and communication from the LEA or building code enforcement to them on this matter. EPA has encouraged you to make the necessary contacts to move this forward, so that CalRecycle can assess whether they have the authority and resources to address some of the non-hazardous material. This determination is important to the overall cleanup effort, as much of the material on the facility is non-hazardous, and not subject to EPA's cleanup authority under CERCLA. EPA is hopeful that a coordinated effort between agencies which have jurisdiction over solid waste and hazardous materials can result in a more comprehensive clean up of the facility. We look forward to hearing from LA County on their coordination efforts with CalRecycle, as their involvement would assist in moving forward with the facility cleanup.

Thank you for your continued coordination in this matter,

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Subject: Panda International Trading facility clean-up

Hello Michelle and Bill,

I would like to request an approximate time for when Panda International Trading (PIT) located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue in Maywood will be cleaned. The County departments, Board of Supervisors and Congresswoman Roybal-Allard are receiving an increased number of complaints from residents regarding the odors and irritants emanating from the site.

If you recall, many residential properties are separated from the site by only a wall. It was my understanding that the stabilizer applied by EPA was a temporary mitigation measure meant to last 2-3 weeks. Now that we are seven weeks post application, my concern is that stabilization is no longer adequate to prevent this public nuisance.

I would like to discuss the outcomes of the meetings between EPA and the State agencies (DTSC, CalRecycle, CalEPA). I look forward to our discussion this afternoon on how to expeditiously cleanup the facility site.

Thank you,

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